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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3646.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and H.R. 4040, to establish consumer product safety standards and other safety requirements for children's products and to reauthorize and modernize the Consumer Product Safety Commission, after receiving testimony from Nancy A. Nord, Acting Chairman, and Thomas H. Moore, Commissioner, both of the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Department of Energy and nuclear weapon non-proliferation efforts of the United States, after receiving testimony from William H. Tobey, Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Matthew Bunn, Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Siegfried S. Hecker, Stanford University Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford, California.

NRO/SPACE PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense met in closed session to examine the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO)/Space Programs, after receiving testimony from Scott F. Large, Director, National Reconnaissance Office, General C. Robert Kehler, Commander, Air Force Space Command, and Gary E. Payton, Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force for Space Programs, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: ARCHITECT OF THE CAPITOL, CAPITOL POLICE, LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2009 for the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, the United States Capitol Police, and the Library of Congress, after receiving testimony from Stephen T. Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol, Office of the Architect of the Capitol; Phillip D. Morse, Sr., Chief of Police, United States Capitol Police; and James Billington, Librarian of Congress, Library of Congress.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland met in closed session and approved for full committee consideration, those provisions which fall within the jurisdiction of the subcommittee, of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2009.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills: An original bill entitled "National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009";

An original bill entitled "Department of Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009";

An original bill entitled "Military Construction Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009"; and

An original bill entitled "Department of Energy National Security Act for Fiscal Year 2009".

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of

Kameran L. Onley, of Washington, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and Jeffrey F. Kupfer, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

SECRET LAW

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution concluded a hearing to examine secret law—certain counterterrorist measures employed since the attacks of September 11, 2001, and the threat to democratic and accountable government, after receiving testimony from John P. Elwood, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice; Steven Aftergood, Federation of American Scientists, Bradford A. Berenson, Sidley Austin, LLP, former Associate Counsel to the President, and David B. Rivkin, Jr., Baker Hostetler, all of Washington, D.C.; Dawn E. Johnsen, Indiana University School of Law-Bloomington, former Acting Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel; Heidi Kitrosser, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis; and J. William Leonard, former Director of the In-

formation Security Oversight Office, National Archives, Leonardtown, Maryland.

HIRING AND RETAINING ELDERLY WORKERS

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine establishing government as a model for hiring and retaining elderly workers, focusing on critical gaps in leadership and institutional knowledge, increasing the challenges government agencies face in maintaining a skilled workforce, after receiving testimony from Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, and Robert N. Goldenkoff, Director, Strategic Issues, both of the Government Accountability Office; Nancy H. Kichak, Associate Director for Strategic Human Resources Policy, United States Office of Personnel Management; Thomas M. Dowd, Administrator, Office of Policy Development and Research, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor; and Max Stier, Partnership for Public Service, and Chai R. Feldblum, Georgetown University Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 5926–5936; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 81, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1167, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (H. Rept. 110–614).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative McNulty to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Rev. Nathan Meador, Zion Lutheran Church, Staunton, Illinois.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:07 a.m. for the purpose of receiving His Excellency Bertie Ahern, Prime Minister of Ireland. The House reconvened at 12:15 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record.

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Joint Meeting to receive His Excellency Bertie Ahern, Prime Minister of Ireland: The House and

Senate met in a joint session to receive His Excellency Bertie Ahern, Prime Minister of Ireland. He was escorted into the Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Hoyer, Clyburn, Emanuel, Larson (CT), Obey, Markey, Neal (MA), Maloney (NY), Kennedy, Crowley, Boehner, Blunt, Putnam, McCotter, Ros-Lehtinen, McCrery, Walsh (NY), King (NY), McHugh, and Ferguson; and Senators Reid, Durbin, Kennedy, Leahy, Dodd, Kerry, Casey, McConnell, Cornyn, Cochran, and Collins.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Amending the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1195, to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 358 yeas to 51 nays with 11 voting “present”, Roll No. 229—clearing the measure for the President;

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